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(d) whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) With the concurrence of the Retrenchment Committee orders were issued in G.O. No. 810, Public, dated 5th August 1931.

(d) The Government Order has already been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*—See page 1023, Part I, dated 11th August 1931.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know, Sir, whether the consideration of the future pay has been concluded or is it still under consideration?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—" The matter is still under consideration."

Abolition of certain permanent and temporary appointments.

* 400 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Committee have considered the question of abolishing all additional, permanent and temporary appointments sanctioned during the last three years and carrying a salary of Rs. 200 and above, as a measure of retrenchment; and

(b) what is the total number of such appointments and what is the budget allotment therefor?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Government have no information and do not consider that the labour involved in collecting it would be commensurate with the value of the results.

Agency Tracts

Proposal to reserve the Agency tracts as a colony for the exclusive benefit of the Europeans.

* 401 Q.—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating a scheme to set apart the Agency tracts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavari districts as a colony for the exclusive use of the Europeans; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all the papers connected with this affair?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no such scheme under their consideration.